

New Hampshire's Community Technical Colleges

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Sixty-three NH High Schools offering College Courses through NHCTCS

Concord, NH – Since its inception six years ago, the NH Community Technical College System's *Project Running Start* has grown from 10 college courses offered in 7 NH high schools to 397 courses in 63 high schools, according to NHCTCS Commissioner Bill Simonton. Student enrollment during the 2004-2005 academic year reached 2,926. "That means almost 3,000 high school students are taking college courses on their normal high school schedule, and receiving transcribed college credit that is accepted not only at the CTC System but at many other colleges in NH and throughout the country," said Simonton. "We charge \$100 per course for these high school-based courses, so students can literally save thousands of dollars from the cost of attending college, where just one course can run upwards of \$600."

Each regional campus works with its area high schools to coordinate the program, and NHCTC faculty work with the high school faculty to coordinate delivery of the courses. NHCTC courses through *Project Running Start* do not add to the school day, as they are built into a student's regular class schedule.

More information about this program can be found at www.nhctc.edu/prs

By the numbers: NHCTCS *Project Running Start* History from inception:

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Enrollment	N/A	595	1359	1719	2263	2926
# of Courses	10	123	217	270	329	397
# High Schools	7	50	49	57	61	63

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